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TRAINING SET FOR SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Four training sessions for the 2009 Summer Food Service program are scheduled for experienced and new sponsors.

Each session begins at 8 a.m. local time and will end no later than 4:30 p.m. local time. Interested participants may pre-register by e-mailing lisa.hatton@education.ky.gov.

- Tuesday, March 24 Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg
- Thursday, March 26 General Butler State Resort Park, Carrollton
- Monday, March 30 Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, Jamestown
- Thursday, April 2 Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, Gilbertsville

The Summer Food Service Program provides nutritious meals to children without regard to race, color, national origin, age (within statutory limits), sex or disability, during extended school vacation periods. The program is needed from May until September when schools are not in session. Meals and snacks are served to children in such places as churches, parks, playgrounds and schools.

Public or private nonprofit schools; units of local, municipal, county or state government; and public or private nonprofit agencies may qualify as sponsors of the Summer Food Service Program. Residential summer camps whose enrollment includes needy children may also act as program sponsors. Qualified sponsors are reimbursed for program operating and administrative expenses up to the current rates of reimbursement. To be eligible, sponsors must:

- provide continuing service to the community
- serve meals on a regular schedule to children or provide meals as a part of an organized program for enrolled children at camps
- show they are financially and administratively capable of operating the program